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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN,

For the Year 1882--83.

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

VALUATION.

Resident Real Estate.....	\$381,470 00
Resident Personal Estate	84,309 00
Non-resident Real Estate.....	77,425 00
Non-resident Personal Estate.....	36,945 00
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Whole number of polls, 587, at \$3.00.....	1,761 00
Tax on dogs—whole number 113, at \$1.00.....	113 00
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	\$1,874 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

For State Tax.....	\$3,049 39
County Tax.....	1,105 20
Schools	2,330 00
Incidental expenses	1,200 00
Support of Poor	1,500 00
Cash for Highways	200 00
Abatements.....	200 00
Indebtedness.....	1,000 00
Discount on Taxes	800 00
Overlayings.....	351 30
Fractional gain.....	64
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For Highways, paid in labor.....	\$11,736 53
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	\$8,000 00

ASSESSMENTS.

Cash tax on estates, at 1 7-10 per cent., and polls	\$11,623 53
Supplementary tax, Sept. 30th, 1882.....	33 00
Tax on dogs.....	113 00
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	\$11,769 53

SCHOOL FUND.

Amount raised by the town	\$2,330 00
From State School fund	1,348 64
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Whole number of scholars, 853; each \$3.75 on equal division.....	3,199 75
Distributed to small districts	478 89
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	\$3,678 64

APPORTIONMENT.

District.	No. of Scholars.	Appropria-tion.	Due from 1881.	Orders since drawn.	Now due.
No. 1,	137	\$513 75	\$530 37	\$536 10	\$508 02
No. 2,	44	190 00	31 29	214 80	6 49
No. 3,	85	328 75	6 01	333 91	85
No. 4,	115	431 25	47	414 71	17 01
No. 5,	23	123 25	2 75	122 25	3 75
No. 6,	51	205 00	128 51	322 10	11 41
No. 7,	31	159 25	82 27	145 00	96 52
No. 8,	27	138 25	17 83	129 95	26 13
No. 9,	44	190 00	63 59	111 30	142 29
No. 10,	25	133 75	88 05	179 23	42 57
No. 11,	32	160 00	7 48	150 25	17 23
No. 12,	28	159 14	27 93	170 29	16 78
No. 13,	52	197 00	53 01	196 09	53 92
No. 14,	23	123 25		121 50	1 75
No. 15,	2	7 50		7 50	
No. 16,	23	123 25	97 03	198 85	21 43
No. 17,	36	165 00 } 63 00 }	15 50	237 65	5 85
No. 18,	40	180 00	85 89	215 75	50 14
No. 19,	35	150 25	21 46	134 55	37 16
	853	\$3,741 64	\$1,259 44	\$3,941 78	\$1,059 30

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid G. A. Knowles' bill, job on road.....	\$5 25
John Emery, material on road.....	7 25
H. E. Brackett, labor on steam mill bridge.....	9 25
James Dunton, road job.....	4 00
J. R. Manning, for plank.....	51 37
H. A. Robinson, job on road.....	9 50
A. H. Robinson, same.....	32 38
I. W. Robinson, same.....	16 38
Everett Hammond, same.....	6 88
James Spenceer, gravel.....	8 99
Wm. H. Littlefield, labor on Wing bridge.....	4 50
Henry Varney, for a plow broken.....	4 00
Alfred Goodell, for bridges and culverts.....	5 55
Perez Hamlin, same.....	11 20
Allen Carter, for lumber.....	2 00
Joseph Myrick, for hauling lumber.....	3 00
Hiram Wood, for gravel.....	4 25
Daniel Rowell.....	8 00
J. T. Nealey, for use of scraper.....	50
T. M. Brown, job on bridge.....	5 00
S. K. Emerson, damage to land, hauling gravel	5 00
H. C. Redman, labor on road.....	20 00
Geo E. Flagg, for gravel.....	17 15
B. F. Smith, for nails, oil, paint, etc.....	4 30
Wm. S. Deane, for gravel.....	16 75
John Glynn, for labor on culvert.....	3 00
Benj. Barnes, for gravel.....	5 45
Allen Thompson, for gravel.....	11 80

H. C. Mayo, for gravel.....	11 15
E. W. Murch, for blacksmith work.....	7 15
L. R. Gilmore, for gravel.....	8 80
O. H. Littlefield, for gravel.....	10 05
C. P. Webber, for lumber.....	12 75
Hodgkins, Hall & Co., for lumber and gravel..	63 00
C. G. Stearns, for lumber and gravel.....	128 57

	\$524 17

BRIDGE AT UPPER PAPER MILL.

Paid I. Stetson, for hard pine,.....	\$98 82
B. B. Thomas, for money paid out,.....	10 04
Geo. W. Phillips, for labor and material,.....	23 65
I. N. Mayo, for labor,.....	13 00
James Robinson, for labor,.....	17 00
C. G. Stearns for plank,.....	15 00
Geo. Sawyer, for labor,.....	18 00
H. Silsby for nails,.....	75
Wm. P. Dickey, for zinc, oil, paint, &c.,.....	8 59

	\$204 85

BRIDGE NEAR J. C. YORK'S.

Paid Crosby Brothers for hard pine,.....	\$29 20
Geo. Sawyer, labor,.....	11 00
Edgar Douglas, labor,.....	5 25
Wm. Jones, labor,.....	3 00
N. H. Bragg, iron,.....	15 10
N. C. Abbott, labor,.....	11 00
Wm. B. Leverett, labor,.....	3 75
Fred Sawyer, plank,.....	12 21
James E. Bachelder, hauling plank,	3 00
C. G. Stearns, lumber,.....	51 30
J. C. York, blacksmith work, &c.,.....	5 00

	\$149 81

BRIDGE NEAR A. R. C. NEALEY'S.

George Sawyer, for labor,.....	10 00
Otis Ward, for labor,.....	20 00
Hiram Whitmore, for labor,.....	10 00
Fred Sawyer, for labor,.....	12 00
Samuel Fisher, for stone,.....	6 00
N. H. Bragg, for Iron,	3 00

	\$61 00

ROAD FUND.

Cash appropriation for the year,.....	200 00
Cash from road taxes,.....	742 65

Cash expended on roads and bridges,	\$942 65
	939 08

	3 57

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

B. A. Burr, town reports.....	18 00
Marshal Reed and others, in Glynn case,	12 00
L. Robinson, job on boom,.....	5 00
Daniel A. Smith, for pump,	8 00
Allen Carter, for guide boards,	3 50
J. N. Mayo, as constable,	3 00
B. F. Smith, for mdse.,.....	1 15

Geo. G. Reed, labor on Cemetery,	32 25
A. S. Tarr, Janitor town hall,	4 90
Geo. E. Reed, painting hearse &c.,	20 00
O. F. Robinson, printing blanks,.....	4 50
C. G. Stearns & Co., for pickets,.....	7 00
Joseph Myrick, trucking,.....	15
David Bugbee & Co., books and stationery,.....	14 16
H. W. Mayo, bill for legal services,	5 92
F. G. Rogers, for medicine, books &c.,.....	8 42
B. B. Thomas, for team one year,	25 00
Incidental items in Selectmen's bill,	7 55
Postage for the year,.....	5 20
	—————
	\$185 80

ABATEMENTS.

By town orders,	\$3 95
To Lewis Robinson on account.....	219 07
	—————
	\$223 02

PAY TO TOWN OFFICERS.

Lewis Robinson, Treasurer and Collector, 1882.....	\$251 39
B. B. Thomas, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.....	150 00
R. W. Mureh, same.....	75 00
I. C. York, same.....	60 00
H. W. Mayo, S. S. Committee.....	33 34
Geo. E. Keys, same.....	33 33
L. A. Gould, same.....	33 33
	—————
	\$636 39

*Lewis Robinson, Treasurer and Collector, in account with the Town of
Hampden, from March 1st, 1882, to March 1st, 1883.*

DR.		
March 1st, 1882, To balance of uncollected taxes,....		\$165 57
Money in the treasury,....		352 24
23, Money of Mrs. French, to pay orders,		200 00
April 1st, Money of D. S. Jewell, " "		100 00
20, Money from sales at town farm, ...		200 00
July 5th, Town order No. 54 to balance,.....		378 84
	—————	
		\$1,396 65

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July 5th, 1882, By balance paid on State tax,.....		\$8 16
Orders paid,.....		1,796 14
Abatements allowed,		53 80
Taxes held over,.....		114 47
Balance for collecting,.....		24 08
	—————	
		\$1,396 65

DR.		
July 5th, 1882, To Tax bills of 1882.....		\$11,736 53
Taxes held over from 1881,.....		114 47
Highway taxes discounted,.....		724 80
Highway deficiencies,.....		17 85
Sept. 30, Suplementary tax.....		33 00
Nov. 2d, Tax in school district No. 17,.....		63 00
Money from old tax deeds,		49 36
Mar. 3d, Balance of Selectmen's account,		34 34
	—————	
		\$12,773 35

CR.

Dec. 5th, 1882,	By town orders paid,.....	\$4,052 20
	County tax of 1882,.....	1,105 20
	State tax in part,.....	1,500 00
	State aid,.....	78 00
	Interest paid,.....	23 04
	Premium for collecting,	175 00
	Salary as Treasurer in part,.....	25 00
	Discount on taxes,	1,194 97
	Abatements allowed,.....	81 22
Feb. 1st, 1883,	Abatements allowed,.....	131 15
Mar. 3d,	Tax deeds and taxes for 1881-82,.....	45 45
	Discount on Dirigo Ice Co's. tax.	10 20
	Tax of heirs of Avery Donham,.....	6 00
	Road tax, Bangor and Boston Steamship Co.,.....	21 00
	Abatement allowed,	6 70
	Balance for collecting, and as Treas.	51 39
	Balance of State aid,.....	18 00
	Postage for year,.....	1 83
	Discount on balance of uncollected taxes, for cash.....	75 00
	Orders paid	2,759 69
	Balance in the Treasury,	1,412 31
		— \$12,773 35

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

CR.

By sundry incidental cash bills,.....	\$7 55
Postage for the year,.....	3 47
B. B. Thomas, use of team one year,.....	25 00
Peter Weaver, sawing wood for paupers,.....	4 07
Nathan Delano, 1 week's board of Samuel Baker,	2 50
B. F. Smith, goods for Mrs. Clough,.....	1 00
Wood to Reuben Pomroy,.....	7 19
Paid Mrs. Fogg, of Frankfort,.....	2 50
Cash L. Robinson, Treasurer, to balance,	34 34
	— \$87 62

DR.

To Cash for hall rent,.....	\$7 00
Cash of Bangor, for H. C. Bickford,.....	4 00
Cash of Winterport, for F. Nickerson,.....	59 75
Cash of Newburgh, for running town line,.....	2 50
Cash for road taxes,.....	4 37
Cash, balance from E. Leonard,.....	10 00
	— \$87 62

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

ON HAND MARCH 1, 1882.

2 cows.....	\$75 00
2 oxen.....	165 00
2 three years old steers.....	110 00
19 sheep	100 00
2 horses	225 00
7 swine.....	100 00
25 hens	8 75
1 mowing machine.....	40 00
1 horse rake	28 00
3 plows.....	10 00
1 riding wagon.....	25 90

1 market wagon	25 00
1 double wagon.....	15 00
1 sleigh.....	10 00
1 wagon sled	15 00
3 harnesses	24 00
3 one year old cattle	30 00
2 two years old heifers.....	30 00
1 yearling colt.....	30 00
1 ox cart	20 00
3 bbls. of apples.....	4 00
20 bushels of turnips.....	8 00
25 lbs. of dried apples.....	1 50
1 bushel of peas.....	2 00
½ bbl. of middlings.....	2 50
65 bushels of potatoes	48 75
50 bushels of wheat.....	80 00
25 bushels of oats.....	12 50
10 bushels of beans	30 00
2 bbls. of flour	15 00
1½ bbls. of pork	30 00
30 lbs. of lard	4 20
2 lbs. of tea	50
20 lbs. of bacon	2 40
45 lbs. of butter	11 25
22 tons of hay	275 00
2 tons of straw	10 00
32 cords of wood	100 00
Remainder of stock.....	341 30
	\$2,064 65

ON HAND MARCH 1, 1883.

4 cows	\$120 00
2 oxen.....	190 00
2 horses	200 00
1 colt.....	60 00
18 sheep	90 00
8 swine	70 00
25 hens	10 00
3 two years old cattle	70 00
1 yearling	10 00
3 bbls. pork	75 00
175 bushels of potatoes	87 50
48 " wheat.....	60 00
12 " oats.....	6 00
10 " beans	30 00
40 pounds of lard.....	4 80
20 " butter.....	5 00
1½ bbls. of flour	6 00
60 pounds of ham	7 20
25 " tea.....	5 00
8 gallons of molasses	4 00
25 " vinegar	5 00
1000 feet of pine boards.....	12 00
1 mowing machine.....	35 00
1 Randall harrow	30 00
1 horse rake	25 00
3 plows.....	10 00
1 ox-cart	20 00
1 horse-cart.....	12 00
1 riding wagon	20 00

1 porter wagon	25 00
1 wagon sled	13 00
1 sleigh	10 00
3 harnesses	22 00
32 tons of hay	320 00
2 tons of straw	8 00
3 bushels of corn	2 25
29 cords of wood	101 50
Remainder of stock	274 17
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	\$2,055 42

SUPPLIES TO TOWN FARM.

David S. Jewell,.....	506 80
Geo. W. Smith,.....	126 59
A. M. Taylor,.....	132 88
B. F. Smith's bill,.....	41 24
Thomas Carey & Son,.....	217 80
J. C. Rines, horse shoeing,.....	12 00
Geo. Joss, for boots and shoes,.....	19 60
Wm. E. Bogart, for trees,.....	13 50
R. W. Murch, seed wheat,.....	17 50
A. J. Nicholson, for cow,.....	25 00
Daniel S. Stone,.....	18 75
B. F. Lennan,.....	27 66
J. D. Sparrow,.....	10 33
C. G. Sterns, for lumber,.....	9 58
I. N. Mayo, for sawdust,.....	8 00
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Deduct bills for labor,.....	\$1,187 76
Balance,.....	

LABOR EXPENSE.

Paid David S. Jewell and family,.....	325 00
For labor on farm and buildings,	96 47
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David S. Jewell and team on road and bridges	43 00
Cash for labor of himself and team,.....	18 00
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	61 00
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	\$360 47

SUPPLIES TO PERSONS NOT ON FARM.

Charles L. Paige and family.....	25 00
Joshua C. Rines' bill for 1881.....	4 00
Plummer Dunton's family	27 00
Frank Nickerson and family.....	59 27
Benjamin Cowan and family.....	12 00
Mrs. Hannah Tribou.....	44 00
E. Clough and family.....	59 27
Mrs. Whalen	37 99
Mrs. Glynn	43 70
Lorenzo Knowles and wife.....	27 65
Nelson Nadeau	20 00
Mrs. Mary J. Fogg and children.....	27 40

SALES.

One pair of oxen,	\$207 50
One pair of steers,	112 00
Pork sold,	74 41
Cow and calf,	45 50
Sheep and lambs,	19 50
Pigs sold,	20 75
Eggs sold,	24 43
Butter sold,	4 00
Wheat sold,	1 75
Beans sold,	44 33
Potatoes sold,	15 78
Wool sold,	17 94
Hay and Straw,	7 34

	\$595 23

PERSONS ASSISTED AT THE FARM.

Amos Partridge,	Amos Doane.
Sarah Partridge,	Samuel Baker,
Eveline Stanley,	Hillman Marceys.
Allen Cottle,	Frankie Stanley,
Arthur Perkins,	Elbridge Walker,
James Frye,	Augustus Cowan,
Lona Weld.	Mary Glynn,
Emma Doane,	Annie Glynn,
Joanna Paige,	Katie Glynn,

Tramps over night, 8.

SUMMARY OF FARM ACCOUNT AND COST OF POOR.

FROM MARCH 1, 1882, TO MARCH 1, 1883.

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March 1, 1882, stock on hand,	\$2,064 65
Labor expense,	360 47
Supplies to town farm and house,	1,187 76
Supplies to other poor to March 1, 1883,	488 24
Insurance and interest,	312 50

	\$4,413 62

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By stock on hand March 1, 1883,	2,055 42
Amount of sales,	595 23
Receipt and dues from other sources,	159 75

	\$2,810 40
Cost of supporting the poor including interest and insurance,	\$1,603 22
Deduct bills for those not at farm,	488 24

	\$1,114 98

RECAPITULATION FOR EXPENDITURES FOR ALL PURPOSES.

State tax,	\$3,049 39
County tax,	1,105 20
Schools,	3,941 60
Support of Poor,	1,603 22
Roads and bridges in cash,	939 08
Miscellaneous,	185 80

Town officers,.....	636 39
Abatements.....	223 02
State pensions.....	96 00
Debt and interest,.....	1,045 69
	———— \$12,825 39

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Balance due School Districts,.....	\$1,059 30
Due on State tax of 1882,.....	1,549 39
Town orders outstanding.....	58 09
	————
Total liabilities of the town,.....	\$2,666 78

ASSETS.

Taxes secured by deeds,.....	86 84
Money in the treasury,.....	1,412 31
From State for rent of Armory,.....	90 00
School money due from the State,.....	1,348 64
Due from State aid,.....	96 00
Due from State Railroad tax,.....	12 62
	———— \$3,046 41
Balance over liabilities,.....	379 53

ESTIMATES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

For schools,	\$2,350 00
Poor,.....	1,500 00
Incidental and Town officers,.....	1,000 00
Cash for Highways,.....	200 00
Abatements,.....	200 00
Discount for prompt payment of taxes,.....	1,000 00
Road money paid in labor,	6,000 00

In closing this, our annual report, brings us to a period in the history of our town, from which we may look back and take a brief review. We have toiled and struggled through twenty-three years of high taxes inflation and depression of currency, the rise and fall of stocks, political struggles and contests, sometimes bitter, at other times more quiet and peaceful. Our taxes have ranged from one and seven-tenths per cent, to five and one half per cent. yet, amidst all the fluctuation of currency, the depression of business, the difference in our political views, we have been steadily nearing, and, at last, have arrived at the point where we can say to our fellow citizens, in our corporate capacity, that we owe no man any thing; that there are funds sufficient in our Treasury to meet all our demands, and a balance of three hundred seventy-nine dollars sixty-three cents besides. During the years of depression and hardship, our bonds were not met at maturity; our taxes were uncollected, and at our annual meeting in March, 1878, we had over fourteen thousand dollars of uncollected taxes, ranging back as far as 1872.

We were then paying interest on upwards of ten thousand dollars; but today, no man can present a claim for interest. In 1866, the town voted to purchase a town farm, and place all paupers thereon; unless, in the opinion of the overseers of the poor, some could be helped off of the farm at a less expense than to transfer them entirely thereto; and that has been the practice until the present time. But there are a few cases, where we think it would be advisable to have the parties transferred to the farm that have been helped, more or less, out side. Circumstances have so changed, that it will be for the interest of the town, and the safety and well-being of the paupers, to have a steady home, and be shielded from many vices with which they come in contact.

We have not so large a number on the farm at present, as at some other times; but though few in number, they are unfortunate in their make up; and were it not for the farm, must be very expensive in the aggregate. It would not be proper here to discuss their misfortunes, nor describe the kind of labor and care that often has to be incurred for them.

At the present, as in the past, we congratulate ourselves in having been fortunate in those we have employed to superintend the internal as well as external affairs of our almshouse.

We have had for the past five years, David S. Jewell, as our superintendent, and his noble wife for matron, assisted by her two daughters, who, as a family, had conducted the external and internal affairs in a manner that is worthy of commendation, and, with pleasure, we can recommend them to all interested in institutions for the unfortunate.

Our town farm is now under a good state of cultivation; the buildings in good repair, and the farm well stocked; and all are free to express their hearty approval of labor done, and improvements made. But while the casual passer by may have viewed the external improvements and approved of them, let them not forget the faithful toil, and incessant care of the worthy matron within. At times, the Superintendent has occasion to attend to affairs away from the farm, that are closely connected with it. The interest felt for those at the farm is such that the anxious enquiry is made, (as it was of *David*, in olden time,) "with whom have you left the sheep entrusted to your care?" he can say safely and with pride, "I left them in care of the Shepherdess, who is amply able to take charge of them in my absence." And we can say that she is a *jewell* of untold value in the management of the fold. Now as we have alluded to the liquidation of our indebtedness, and, as we think, the successful working of our town farm; and spoken in praise of some, who have, in part, been prominent actors, we prefer that the Records may tell who have used their earnest and untiring efforts to bring about so desirable a result. And we say with pride, the people had a mind to work. Let us not forget, in our joy, that our bonds and war debt are paid; that we owe a debt, which *money* can never pay. To those of our fellow citizens, who took their lives in their hands and bid good bye to home and friends, and went to meet the terrible ordeal of War, and have returned, (some of them wounded and maimed for life.) to spend the remnant of their days with us, we owe a debt of gratitude, which, we often feel, we can never liquidate. And to the relatives of those who fell on the field of battle, or suffered a more terrible death in Southern Hospitals and Prisons, we owe a debt of sympathy that can never be fully met; but, as most of their names are inscribed on the monument erected to their memory, let us, as year by year we meet to decorate their graves, look with reverence to their names, and by kind acts and words of comfort, do our best to cheer the hearts of those who stand there to weep.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. B. THOMAS, } Selectmen
R. W. MURCH, } of
I. C. YORK, } Hampden.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMPTON,
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1882.

To THE CITIZENS OF HAMPTON:

Your Superintending School Committee respectfully submit the following report:

Amount of School money raised by the town,.....	\$2,230 00
Amount of School money received from the State,.....	1,348 64
No. of scholars in town April 1, 1882,.....	856
Amount given to each scholar on equal division,.....	\$3 75
Distributed to small districts,.....	468 64
Cost of school supervision,.....	100 00

DISTRICT No. 1.

Spring and Summer terms taught by Miss Mary Conroy. Miss Conroy taught the Primary department the previous winter, and gave such good satisfaction that the district has retained her services for the entire year. She is a good disciplinarian, and has worked hard for the advancement of the scholars under her charge with very satisfactory results.

WINTER TERM.—The Grammar department taught by Rufus Robinson, Jr. This is the seventh successive term by Mr. Robinson in this District; this fact alone, proves the success of his teaching. Mr. Robinson is one of our best teachers; his success lies in the thorough discipline of his school, and his perfect knowledge of the branches taught; also of the very best method of imparting the same.

Primary department is in charge of Miss Conroy; both schools are now in session and are giving excellent satisfaction.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Spring and Summer terms taught by Miss Ellen Hardy. Miss Hardy is one of our most successful teachers. She brought to the school the experience of several years successful teaching; she conducted the school with her usual ability, and with good results.

WINTER TERM.—Taught by Fred H. Butler, who is a teacher of experience. He labored faithfully for the advancement of the school, he kept up the interest of the scholars, in their work, throughout the term, and at the close we found the school to have made excellent progress.

DISTRICT No. 3.

The Spring term was taught by Mr. J. C. Temple. Mr. Temple labored faithfully, but owing to lack of government, and the executive ability required of a teacher, in this particular school, the term was not as successful as we could wish.

The term was continued under the instruction of Miss Ellen Hardy, who had just closed a successful term in district No. 2, and what is said of her in that district is equally applicable here.

Winter Term taught by James H. Stewart, assisted by Mary McSkimmon. We supposed at the commencement of the school that the government was to be in the hands of Mr. Stewart, but found on visiting the school the opposite to be the case, and Miss McSkimmon to have entire control. This we considered to be unwise, as the school requires the superior executive ability of a man, especially in its present condition, to govern it. Both teachers are experienced and thorough workers, and worked hard for the advancement of the scholars, and aside from the government, we regard the school as a success.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The Spring Term of the Grammar School was taught by Mr. E. W. Temple, one of our most thorough and practical teachers. A remarkable degree of interest was maintained throughout the term, and the progress of the scholars was all that could be desired.

The Spring Term of the Primary School was taught by Miss Ida Rines, who gave very general satisfaction. This was Miss Rines' first school, and the examination at the close showed successful effort on the part of the scholars and teachers.

The Fall and Winter Terms were taught by Miss Clara C. Murch, and the faithful work carried on at the Spring term was continued with equal success during these terms. Miss Murch is well adapted to the instruction of primary scholars.

The Winter Term of the Grammar School was taught by Mr. Temple, and the report of his labors and the success attained during the Spring term are applicable to the Winter term. We have no more thorough, practical and painstaking teachers in our schools than Mr. Temple.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Josephine M. Nickerson, and very satisfactory work was accomplished. Her methods of instruction were very good and their application made the efforts of the scholars successful.

Winter Term taught by Mr. S. D. Greeley, an experienced and successful teacher. The term was short, but the amount of work accomplished was equal to that done by many teachers in longer terms.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

In this district the Agent engaged his wife, Mrs. Violetta Smith, for the Spring and Fall terms, which created some feeling in the district, but Mrs. Smith possessing the necessary qualifications and more than ordinary ability as a teacher, kept a very good school, so that by a vote of the district she was employed for the winter term. This term was an improvement over the previous ones; the scholars made excellent progress, the most noticeable feature being the thoroughness of the work done, and on the whole we consider the money well expended.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The Spring Term of school in this district was taught by Miss Annie Felker, a young and inexperienced teacher, who, by the kindness and encouragement of the good people of the district, taught a fair average school. A few years more, and a little additional experience, will very much add to her qualifications as a teacher.

The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss Cora R. Copeland, of Holden, a young lady of ability and energy combined with an aptness to

teach. She taught two very successful terms of school, reflecting credit upon herself and richly earning the wages received.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer Term taught by Miss Allie M. Shaw, who is an experienced teacher and interests herself in her school, and as a result the school itself becomes interested. This school was satisfactory in every respect, so far as we could learn.

Winter Term taught by Mr. A. K. Emerson, a practical teacher, who created an interest at the commencement of the term, and maintained it to the close. A good disciplinarian and taught a very satisfactory school.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The Spring and Fall terms of the school in this District were taught by Miss Mary P. Atwood. Though never having taught before, Miss Atwood showed a ready adaptation to the work and accomplished very satisfactory results. A commendable feature of her school was good order, she being very successful in this, where many experienced teachers fail.

Winter Term is still in session, under the instruction of Mr. Isaac Moor of Monroe. When we visited this school at the beginning of the term, it was well organized and promised to be a very successful term; but we now hear that the discipline, which is quite as essential in this as any school, is rather mild; otherwise than this, the school appears to be doing well.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Evie S. Littlefield. The school was not visited at the beginning of the term, and after it had been in session six weeks, owing to the sickness of the teacher it was suddenly brought to a close and we are unable to report the progress made. From enquiries made of the parents of the scholars, we are unable to report the school entirely satisfactory.

Winter Term taught by Miss Ora S. Dunton, one of our best female teachers. She labored faithfully during a long term, and very commendable progress was made.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Summer Term taught by Miss Hattie Atwood. Miss A. was a young and inexperienced teacher and had many things to learn regarding school government. There were some mistakes made, but with a desire to succeed, Miss A. taught a fair term of school. With experience, she will no doubt make a successful teacher.

Winter Term taught by Mr. T. S. Dunton, a young man of some experience as a teacher, whose ability was good, and whose success in this school was, in every way, all that could be desired.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Spring and Fall Terms taught by Miss Lena Green, of Newburgh. Miss G. is an experienced teacher, and the examination of the school at its close, showed careful, earnest work on her part and a corresponding advancement on the part of the scholars. She left a record as a faithful teacher.

Winter Term taught by Mr. F. J. Rigby, of Newburgh. Though the first effort of Mr. R. as a teacher, yet with a native stock of judgment and good sense, he gave very general satisfaction as a teacher, teaching more than an average term as to its quality.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Summer Term taught by Miss Evie S. Porter, a teacher of considerable experience and one who is endowed with an especial love for the work. This term was both profitable and satisfactory to all interested.

Winter Term taught by Mr. Martin K. Pomeroy. This school opened well and promised to be a success, but from some cause there was a steady falling off in the attendance, until at your committee's last visit there were in attendance only six of the forty-nine scholars in the district. There was evidently a mistake somewhere, but as all are liable to err, we are disposed to deal charitably. We can hardly report the school a success.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Summer term taught by Miss Bell Cole. This was Miss Cole's first term, but by earnest endeavor on her part to make the term successful, the scholars made very satisfactory progress. With experience, slight mistakes will no doubt be corrected.

Winter term taught by Miss Flora E. Stone, of Eddington. When the committee visited the school at the beginning of the term, it seemed to be very well organized, though the discipline was rather mild. We are unable to report the progress made, as no visit was made at the close of the term, the agent having failed to notify the committee when the school would close.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Summer term taught by Miss Etta Housted. This is the smallest school in town, there being only ten scholars in attendance. So far as we know the school was satisfactory.

Winter Term taught by Miss Allie M. Shaw, and though the school was small in number, it was a very profitable and interesting term.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Summer Term taught by Miss Lizzie M. Shaw. Miss Shaw taught the same school the Summer previous, and gave so good satisfaction that she was engaged again. The progress in the branches taught, was full on an average with last year, and on the whole the school was successful.

Winter Term taught by Albert S. Ware, who has also taught the school before. Mr. Ware is a faithful and conscientious teacher, who believes in earning his wages. He and his scholars worked together for their improvement, and the examination showed thorough and persistent work, and good results.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

Summer Term taught by Miss Fannie Jewell, who is an indefatigable worker and whose labors tell for the good of the school. She keeps her school under good discipline without seeming effort, and her pupils progress rapidly under her instruction.

Winter Term taught by George A. Murch, who taught the same school the winter before. Mr. Murch is a young teacher of considerable promise. He gained the good will of the scholars and the good opinion of their parents at the commencement, and retained it to the close. It is sufficient to say that he maintained his reputation of last winter.

DISTRICT NO. 19.

The Summer Term of this school was begun by a young lady without experience as a teacher, and not specially gifted with a love for the work. At the end of the second week the district became so dissatisfied with her services that she gave up the school. The term was finished by Miss Addie Hammond, who taught a very successful school. The inter-

ruption at the commencement of the term considerably interfered with the progress of the scholars.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Fannie Jewell, who labored earnestly for the advancement of the scholars. The term was long, but the interest created at the beginning was maintained to the close, and the school was satisfactory in every respect.

CONCLUSION.

The general progress of the scholars throughout the term has been very satisfactory. Some schools have advanced farther than others, but this is owing largely to superior teachers. There is a tendency on the part of agents to employ a cheaper class of teachers because they cost less. This we consider a serious mistake. A short term of school under the instruction of an efficient teacher, is of much greater value to scholars, than a lengthy term, with a poor teacher.

A successful teacher can command good wages in other departments of industry, and the attempt to reduce the wages of our best teachers, drives them from our town, or from the work altogether.

There is a neglect on the part of many of the agents, to notify the committee of the time of beginning and closing terms, making it difficult for the committee to visit the requisite number of times.

Of the thirty-seven different teachers employed in the schools during the year, twenty-seven reside in town. Our best teachers are among those coming from our common schools and the Academy.

L. A. GOULD,
G. E. KEYES,
H. W. MAYO. } Sup. School Committee.

STATISTICS FROM TEACHERS' REGISTERS.

No. of District.	Agent.	Terms.	No. of Scholars.	No. Registered.	Average No.	Length in weeks	Wages of teacher per week.	Price of board.
1	James Sweeney,	Spring	137	60	55	8	\$5 50	2 00
		†Fall.....						
		*Winter.....						
2	Mason Damon,	Spring	44	27	25	8		1 25
		Fall.....		26	24	6	3 25	
		Winter.....		34	26	12	8 00	2 00
3	S. S. Garland,	Spring	85	61	37	9	5 00	2 00
		Fall.....		43	37	10	5 00	2 00
		Winter.....		50	41	12	9 00	3 00
4	Geo. G. Swett,	†Spring						
		Spring Primary	115	36	28	8	3 50	1 50
		Fall.....		52	49	8	4 00	2 00
		Winter Primary		37	35	8	4 00	2 00
5	Elias Kneeland,	Summer	23	12	12	8	3 00	1 50
		Winter.....		17	16 ^{reg}	8	6 25	2 00
6	Summer Smith,	Summer	51	26	19	14	3 50	1 75
		†Winter.....						
7	J. E. Shaw,	Spring	31	16	15	8	2 00	2 00
		Fall.....		26	23 2-5	10	4 00	2 00
		Winter.....		21	19	12	4 50	2 00
8	John Sawyer,	Summer	27	16	14	8	3 00	1 50
		Winter.....		15	14	10	6 25	2 00
9	Jeremiah Baker	Spring	44	32 25 3-5		7	3 50	1 50
		Fall.....		35	27	8	3 75	1 50
		†Winter.....						
10	Daniel B. Cole	Spring	25	15	13	6	2 25	1 90
		Winter.....		19	18	12	5 00	2 00
11	John K. Brown,	Summer	32	23	16	10	2 00	1 85
		Winter.....		32	26	12	6 25	2 00
12	John Bicknell	Spring	28	20	17	8	3 00	1 40
		Fall.....		24	20	8	3 87 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 40
		Winter.....		30	26	10	6 00	2 25
13	Rufus Doane,	Spring	52	27	21	8	2 75	1 65
		Fall.....		23	19	8	2 75	1 65
		Winter.....		25	13	12	5 00	2 00
14	Howard Knowles	Summer	23	14	12	10	2 25	1 30
		Winter.....		18	14	12	4 50	1 00
15	Thomas Patten	Summer	23	10	6	8	2 25	1 70
		Winter.....		17	13	10	4 00	2 00
16	Edwin Barnes	Summer	36	21	17	10	2 25	1 75
		Winter.....		24	20	12	6 25	2 50
17	Philander Crosby	Summer	40	28	25	10	3 50	1 50
		Winter.....		25	22	12	6 50	1 75
18	N. W. Vickery	Summer	35	23	18	7	2 50	1 40
		Winter.....		20	16	14	4 25	1 40

*Not closed.

†Reg. not returned.



